Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government have received several representations and I don't exactly remember when the last representation was received.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib : May I know whether it has been finally disposed of ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib : Was there any previous stipulation in the matter of remuneration ?

President : The Instructor said that he wanted the appointment and did not want any allowance.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : May I know whether there are Christian and Hindu Instructors in the Central Prison and may I know what their salaries are ?

President : Christian Instructors are not given any allowance.

Preparation of the Government Panchangam.

8. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who is in charge of the preparation of the Government Panchangam :

(*b*) what are the qualifications of that officer for the same ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that there are a number of mistakes in fixing the *muhurthams* in the Panchangam for the year 1113 ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Dr. H. Subrahmonia Aiyar, Government Astronomer, was in charge of the work till the 30th Thulam 1113. Mr. P, Balakrishna Pillai M. A , Head Translator to Government, has been appointed from 1-4-1113 to supervise the preparation of the Government Malayalam Panchangam for 1114.

(*b*) The officer now supervising the work is a Master of Arts in Sanskrit and Malayalam and has made a special study of astrology and astronomy.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to answer to to part (*a*) may I know excluding the supervising officer how many hands are employed for the work ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I believe that there are two.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know their respective salaries ?

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Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I think one is on Rs. 25-40 and the other is on Rs. 20-25.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What are their qualifications ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: They have been doing this work for several years and I think they are fully qualified for the work of compiling the *panchangam.*

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know whether the officer has undergone any special study in astronomy in a recognised public institution ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: He has made a special study of astrology.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know where he has undergone courses in astrology and astronomy?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai By his own efforts, by private study he acquired the necessary proficiency.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju : ഗ്രഹകോദയത്തെപ്പറ്റി മലയാളം പഞ്ചാംഗത്തിൽ ഇരുപത്തിനാലു വശങ്ങളിലായി വിവരിച്ചു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : ഉണ്ടോ എന്ന് അതിൽ നോക്കിയാൽ അറിയാം.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: ജ്യോത്സ്യം പഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കു ഗ്രഹകോദയത്തെപ്പറ്റി അറിയാൻ പ്രയാസമില്ലെന്നറിയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അറിയാൻ പാടില്ല.

President : The honourable member is assuming acquaintance of the Chief Secretary with astrological knowledge which he does not possess.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju : ഗ്രഹകോദയത്തിന്റെ ഫലത്തെപ്പറ്റി മാത്രം അറിയുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു പ്രത്യേകം പ്രയോജനം ഒന്നുമില്ലെന്നും അതായതു ദശകളുടെ ഫലംകൂടി അറിഞ്ഞാൽ മാത്രമേ പ്രയോജനം ഉള്ളൂ എന്നും അറിയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Sir, on a point of order. The honourable member is furnishing information and not eliciting information.

President : He is furnishing knowledge to elicit information.

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